



PALS NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021

Dear all

As I write this the snow is still quite deep in my garden but hopefully it will soon be gone and we can start to enjoy some slightly milder weather. We are trying to keep everyone up-to-date with events, even if they are still virtual, but here are a few reminders for you to share with other members as and when you communicate!

International Women's Day 8th March 2021

The theme this year is **#ChooseToChallenge** which highlights that from challenge comes change. What would you choose to challenge to help to forge a gender equal world? Have a look at the IWD 2021 website for more information and ideas and if you would like to send a photo saying what you wish to challenge then you can see on the website what pose is suggested and you just need to tell me what you wish to challenge. Personally, I am choosing to challenge equality and you may see my photo on Norfolk WI's Facebook page on 8th March. It would be good to have more photos.

ACWW Women Walk the World 29th April 2021

Hopefully we may be able to walk with our friends by that date, even if it is only in a very small group, but we can walk anyway. You will soon see a flyer with some ideas for walking and a reminder about sending any contributions for ACWW to the Office in due course. In Norfolk we are taking as our theme "*These boots are made for walking*" and hoping that by the end of April we will be "*walking back to happiness*". Lockdown seems to have encouraged many people to go out for a daily walk in our lovely county but on 29th April we can walk in the virtual company of many women around the world.

A Virtual WI

You may already have seen the publicity for the Virtual WIs which are being piloted in certain areas of England and Wales, including Norfolk. The idea is that many women find it difficult to go out to a meeting for various reasons including illness, caring responsibilities and work commitments, but they would like to belong to the WI and join a meeting from their home. There have already been 2 meetings and the next is on 15th March but we need you to spread the word around to those (not necessarily WI members) who might benefit from this initiative but may not have thought about joining a virtual WI. More details from Louise, our Federation Secretary.

Finally, a big thank you to all who sent in their Resolutions voting slips. As you will have seen, over 1000 members responded in Norfolk and we are now waiting for the National results. More about this in due course.

Looking forward to spring! Stay safe and well

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